

CAPACITY BUILDING OF ACADEMIC COUNSELLORS OF KKHSOU A Report

ABSTRACT

Commonwealth Educational Media Centre for Asia (CEMCA), New Delhi and Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University (KKHSOU), Guwahati organised a Three-day Online Workshop on “Capacity Building of Academic Counsellors of KKHSOU” on 16-18 June, 2020

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**A Report on Three-day Online Workshop on
“Capacity Building of Academic Counsellors of KKHSOU”
Organised by
Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University (KKHSOU), Guwahati
and
Commonwealth Educational Media Centre for Asia (CEMCA), New Delhi
Date: 16, 17 & 18 June, 2020**

A three-day workshop on “Capacity Building of Academic Counsellors of KKHSOU” was jointly organised by Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University (KKHSOU), Guwahati and Commonwealth Educational Media Centre for Asia (CEMCA), New Delhi on 16, 17 & 18 June, 2020. This three-day workshop was scheduled from 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. each day. The workshop was attended by 265 (201 Male and 64 Female) of Academic Counsellors of KKHSOU from 28 districts of Assam. The learning outcomes of the workshop were as below:

1. Explain the characteristics of 21st century Distance Learners
2. Describe the functions of academic Counsellors
3. Use SLM to undergo Learning of a subject
4. State the ways of making best use of Counselling sessions
5. Explain how to integrate appropriate technology in Academic Counselling and Learner’s Assessment.



The workshop was started on 16th June, 2020 and it was inaugurated by Prof. Kandarpa Das, Honourable Vice Chancellor of KKHSOU. Prof. Madhu Parhar, Director, CEMCA, New Delhi spelt out the learning outcomes of the workshop. Dr. Dibyajyoti Mahanta, Dean, Study Centre of KKHSOU gave the overview of the workshop. Dr. Manas Ranjan Panigrahi, Senior Programme Officer of CEMCA who hosted the programme had offered the vote of thanks in the inaugural session.

In the first technical session of the workshop, Dr. Pranab Saikia, Associate Professor of Education, KKHSOU gave the overview of Academic Counselling at KKHSOU with survey-based research findings. He highlighted different operational aspects that are associated with the counselling process citing the survey research findings. In the second technical session, Prof. Madhu Parhar, Director, CEMCA, New Delhi extensively discussed about the changing scenario in open distance learning. Further, she explained about the 21st century ODL learners and emphasised how ODL can serve these new learners by using different means including ICT. She also focused on Assam's low GER in higher education and projected on how ODL could bring changes in this scenario in the state.

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Student Enrolment		Universities: 993 (2018-19)	
Regular:	37.4 Million	Colleges:	39931 (2018-19)
	89%	Stand Alone:	10725
Open and Distance Education:	10.62%		
GER	26.3% (2018-19)		
GER	8.1% (2001-02)		

The Zoom interface includes a recording indicator at the top, a video feed of Prof. Madhu Parhar on the right, and a control bar at the bottom with options like Unmute, Stop Video, Participants (223), Q&A, Polls, Chat (2), Share Screen, Pause/Stop Recording, More, and End.

The second day of the workshop on 17th June, 2020, Mr. Ashish Awadiya, Asstt. Director, Centre for Online Education, IGNOU took the whole session on Technology Integration in Academic Counselling. He discussed in details about the relevant technology to reach the

learners and also demonstrate the ICT skills that would be required for using various freely available resources. Further, he also discussed on the relevant tools that can be used in creating educational content. Highlighting the various Google educational apps, he demonstrated how someone can use Google Drive, Google Docs, Google Groups, Google Meet, Google Classroom and Google Translate in the counselling process. He also explained how social media like Face book, YouTube and Whatsapp etc can be used in counselling process. He also brought the reference of SWAYAM, CEMCA and UNESCO portals and stated to the participants that how these learning platforms can be used in learning purpose. Lastly, he talked about on how to create digital content by using different latest technology. The session was enjoyed thoroughly by the participants and they posted a lot of questions as a result of that the sessions had witnessed a lot of interaction.

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Terms Used

- Correspondence Education**
- Distance Education**
- Open Learning**
- Online Learning**
- Etc. Etc. Etc.**

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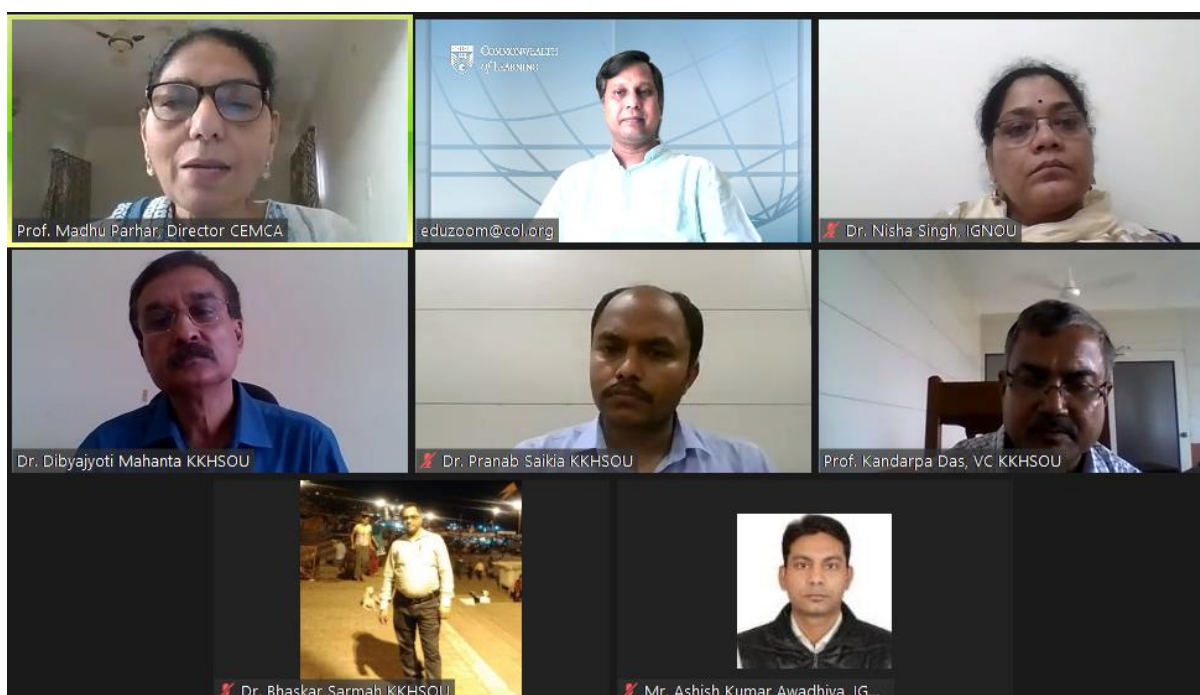
- Dr. Pranab S...
- eduzoom@G...
- Dr. Nisha Singh,...
- Prof. Madhu Par...
- Dr. Bhaskar S...

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On the third and last day on 18th June, 2020, Dr. Bhaskar Sarmah, Assistant Professor of Economics, KKHSOU took the first session on Role of Counsellors in Assessment. Subsequently, Dr. Nisha Singh, Deputy Director, Centre for Online Education, IGNOU talked on Assessment Tools for Academic Counsellors. Both the speaker explained every minute detail of assessment process and Dr. Nisha highlighted the various assessment tools that can be used for learner's assessment specially in assignment evaluation. She demonstrated how an

academic counsellor can assess the assignment of learner through online and give necessary feedback to learners.

In the valedictory session of the workshop was participated by the Honourable Vice Chancellor of KKHSOU Prof. Kandarpa Das and Prof. Madhu Parhar, Director, CEMCA, New Delhi. Both expressed their satisfaction on successful conduct of the workshop and complimented all the participants for their active present and interaction. The formal vote of thanks was offered to all by Dr. Pranab Saikia, Associate Professor of Education, KKHSOU and Facilitator of the Workshop.



Online Capacity Building of Academic Counsellors
Of
Krishna Kant Handiqui State Open University, Guwahati
(16-18th June 2020)
Organised by: KKHSOU, Guwahati & CEMCA, New Delhi
Programme Schedule

Day 1: 16.06.2020			
S. No	Time	Activity Session	Resource Person
1	2.30pm -2.50pm	Inauguration Workshop and its Outcomes, Director, CEMCA..... Inauguration by Vice-Chancellor, KKHSOU..... Overview of the Workshop..... Vote of Thanks.....	Prof. Madhu Parhar Prof. Kandarpa Das Dr Dibyajyoti Mahanta Dr.Manas R. Panigrahi
2	2.50- 3.15pm	Overview of Academic Counselling at KKHSOU	Dr. Pranab Saikia
3	3.15-4.30pm	Changing Scenario in ODL Distance Learners in 21 st century Effective use of SLM in Counselling	Prof. Madhu Parhar
Day 2: 17.06.2020			
4	2.30pm – 4.30pm	Technology Integration by Academic Counsellors	Mr. Ashish Awadiya
Day 3: 18.06.2020			
5	2.30-3.00 pm	Role of Counsellors in Assessment	Dr. Bhaskar Sarmah
6	3.00-4.15pm	Assessment Tools for Academic Counsellors	Dr. Nisha Singh
7	4.15- 4.30pm	Closing Vote of Thanks.....	Madhu Parhar Prof. Kandarpa Das Dr. Pranab Saikia

Workshop Facilitators:

Dr. Pranab Saikia, KKHSOU

Dr. Manas R. Panigrahi, CEMCA